

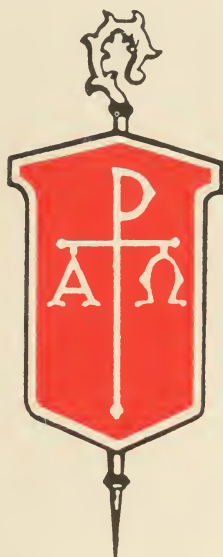
The Order of Service

FOR

The Consecration of Bishops

ELECTED AT THE

Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference



GEORGE R. STUART AUDITORIUM

Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

July 18, 1992

at Ten O'Clock in the Morning

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The Bishops of The Southeastern Jurisdiction

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CHARLES W. HANCOCK
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The Bishops will be the Consecrators in the Service. Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly, a member of the College of Bishops of the Western Jurisdiction, has been named by the Council of Bishops to assist in the consecration.

Also assisting is Bishop John Hurst Adams of The African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The liturgy is that of the United Methodist Church, used in the first of its consecration services. Adapted from earlier traditions the liturgy symbolizes a significant relationship with all of Christendom.

Bishop C. P. Minnick, Jr., is the Liturgist.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: Prelude and Fugue in D Major
Processional

Bach
Mathias

THE CHORAL INTROIT: "Glorious Everlasting"

Cousins

HYMN: Rejoice the Lord is King

Number 715

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bishop Ernest W. Newman

Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to thee, and for all thy loving kindness we bless thy holy name.

For life and health, for love and friendship and for goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life,

We praise thee, O God.

For the wonder and beauty of the world, and for all things true and honest, just and pure, lovely and of good report,

We praise thee, O God.

For the gift of Jesus Christ, thine only-begotten Son, for the grace and truth which came by him, and for his obedience unto death, even the death of the cross;

We praise thee, O God.

For his glorious resurrection and ascension to thy right hand, and for his kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion.

We praise thee, O God.

For the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, the Lord and Giver of life, for the Holy Church throughout the world, for thy word and sacraments and all the means of grace, and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth,

We praise thee, O God.

Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be unto thee, O Father, Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. AMEN.

THE COLLECT

Bishop Robert H. Spain

Almighty God, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy holy Apostles, Elders, and Evangelists many excellent gifts, and didst charge them to feed Thy flock, give grace, we beseech Thee, to all the Ministers and Pastors of Thy Church, that they may diligently preach Thy word and duly administer the godly discipline thereof; and grant to the people that they may faithfully follow the same; that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE READING OF THE EPISTLE

Bishop Robert H. Spain

And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptation, which befell me: how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Spirit witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

Acts 20:17-24, 28-32

THE GLORIA PATRI

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

Bishop Charles W. Hancock

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time. Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? and he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus said unto him, Feed my sheep.

St. John 21:15-17

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. *Amen.*

St. Matthew 28:18-20

THE SERMON:

Bishop Ernest A. Fitzgerald

"He Is In Our Hands"

Revelation 2:5

THE ANTHEM: The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Rutter

The Junaluska Singers

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BISHOPS ELECT

The Liturgist and the Sponsoring Elders

We present unto you this elder chosen to be consecrated a bishop.

THE CALL TO PRAYER

The Liturgist

Dear friends, it is written in the Gospel of St. Luke that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer before he chose and sent forth his twelve apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles that the disciples who were at Antioch did fast and pray before they laid hands on Paul and Barnabas and sent them forth on their first mission to the Gentiles. Let us therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his apostles, give ourselves to prayer before we admit and send forth these persons presented to us, to the work whereunto we trust the Holy Spirit hath called them.

THE PRAYER OF PETITION

Bishop Edward L. Tullis

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by the Holy Spirit has appointed diverse offices in thy Church; graciously behold these thy servants now called to the office and ministry of a bishop. So replenish them with the truth of thy doctrine, and so adorn them with the innocence of life, that by both word and deed they may faithfully serve thee in this office, to the glory of thy name and edifying and well governing of thy Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, world without end. AMEN.

THE EXAMINATION

Bishop C.P. Minnick, Jr.

Dearly beloved, forasmuch as the Holy Scriptures command that we should not be hasty in admitting any person to government in the Church of Christ, before you are admitted to this ministration, you will, in the fear of God, give answer to these questions:

Are you persuaded that you are truly called to this ministration, according to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ?

I am so persuaded.

Are you persuaded that the Holy Scriptures contain sufficiently all truth required for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ? And are you determined out of the same Holy Scriptures so to instruct the people committed to your charge that they may enter into eternal life?

I am so persuaded and determined, by God's grace.

Will you faithfully exercise yourselves in the Holy Scriptures, and call upon God through study and prayer for the true understanding of the same?

I will so do, by the help of God.

Are you ready with all faithful diligence to seek and to promote the truth of Christ and to defend the Church against all doctrine contrary to God's word?

I am ready, the Lord being my helper.

Will you live soberly, righteously, and devoutly in this present world, that you may show yourselves in all things an example of good works unto others, to the honor and glory of God?

I will so do, the Lord being my helper.

Will you show yourselves gentle, and be merciful for Christ's sake to the poor and needy people, and to all strangers destitute of help?

I will, by the help of God.

Will you maintain and set forward, as much as lieth in you, quietness, love, and peace among all men; and faithfully exercise such discipline in the Church as shall be committed unto you?

I will so do, by the help of God.

Will you be faithful in ordaining and appointing others; and will you ever seek to deal justly and kindly with your brothers and sisters of the ministry over whom you are placed as chief pastor?

I will so do, by the help of God.

THE PRAYER

Bishop Paul A. Duffey

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who hath given you a good will to do all these things, grant also unto you wisdom and power to perform the same, that he may accomplish in you the good work which he hath begun, that you may be found blameless; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Bishop Paul A. Duffey

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire.

Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life and fire of love.

Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.

Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where thou art Guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but One;

That through the ages all along
This may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Bishop Mack B. Stokes

Almighty and most merciful Father, who of thine infinite goodness hast given thine only and dearly beloved son Jesus Christ to be our Redeemer, and hast made some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to the edifying and making perfect of thy Church; grant, we beseech thee, to these thy servants such grace that they may evermore be ready to spread abroad thy gospel, the glad tidings of reconciliation with thee, and to use the authority given them, not to destruction, but to salvation; not to hurt, but to help; so that as a wise and faithful servant, giving to all their portion in due season, he may at last be received into everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. AMEN.

THE CONSECRATION

The Liturgist

The Lord pour upon thee the Holy Spirit for the office and work of a bishop in the Church of God, now committed unto thee by the authority of the

Church, through the imposition of our hands, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And remember that thou stir up the grace of God which is in thee; for God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Amen.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE SCRIPTURES

The Liturgist

Give heed unto reading, exhortation, and teaching. Think upon the things contained in this Book. Be diligent in them, that the increase coming thereby may be manifest unto all. Take heed unto thyself and to thy teaching: for by so doing thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee. Be to the flock of Christ a shepherd. Hold up the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring again the outcast, seek the lost; faithfully minister discipline, but forget not mercy; that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth and, when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, that you may receive the never-fading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER FOR THE NEW BISHOPS

Bishop H. Ellis Finger, Jr.

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee to send down upon these thy servants thy heavenly blessing, and so endue them with thy Holy Spirit that they, preaching thy word, not only may be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke with all patience and doctrine, but also may be to such as believe a wholesome example in word, in conversation, in love, in faith, in chastity, and in purity; that, faithfully fulfilling their course, at the latter day they may receive the crown of righteousness laid up by the Lord, the righteous judge, who liveth and reigneth, one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN: God of Love and God of Power

Number 578

THE BENEDICTION

Bishop Roy H. Short

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata from Fifth Symphony

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